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To provide temporary emergency livestock feed assistance for certain producers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 1996

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. DASCHLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To provide temporary emergency livestock feed assistance for certain producers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Temporary Emergency
5 Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY REINSTATEMENT OF LIVESTOCK FEED**
7 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

8 Section 171(b)(1)(L) of the Agricultural Market
9 Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7301(b)(1)(L)) is amended by
10 inserting before the period at the end the following: “, ex-

cept that title VI shall apply to livestock emergencies in 1996”.

SEC. 3. ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK.

Section 602 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1471) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) LIVESTOCK.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘livestock’ means cattle, sheep, and goats that have been owned or leased for at least 180 days.

“(B) MINIMUM OWNERSHIP OR LEASING REQUIREMENT.—The minimum period of ownership or leasing required under subparagraph (A) shall not apply to livestock if the Secretary determines that—

“(i) the livestock are—

“(I) offspring of eligible livestock;

“(II) inherited, purchased, or leased as part of a complete livestock operation;

“(III) purchased or leased as replacement breeding stock; or

“(IV) purchased or leased as part of a change in the type of livestock operation; or

1 “(ii)(I) the feeding of livestock owned
 2 or leased for less than the minimum period
 3 is a normal practice of the owner or opera-
 4 tor; and

5 “(II) the livestock are not purchased
 6 or leased to obtain additional assistance
 7 under this title.”.

8 **SEC. 4. CARRYING CAPACITY.**

9 Section 605(a) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7
 10 U.S.C. 1471c(a)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Each” and
 12 inserting “Subject to paragraph (4), each”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(4) CARRYING CAPACITY.—The amount of as-
 15 sistance provided to a producer for grazing under
 16 this title may not exceed a quantity sufficient to
 17 maintain livestock based on the normal carrying ca-
 18 pacity of the land of the producer, as determined by
 19 the Secretary.”.

20 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

21 Section 608 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C.
 22 1471f) is amended to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 608. FUNDING.**

24 “To provide assistance for livestock feed emergencies
 25 in 1996, the Secretary shall use no more than

1 \$18,000,000 to carry out this title that otherwise would
2 have been made available to carry out the cottonseed oil
3 and sunflowerseed oil export assistance programs estab-
4 lished under section 301(b) of the Disaster Assistance Act
5 of 1988 (Public Law 100–387; 7 U.S.C. 1464 note).”.

6 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON USE OF DISASTER RESERVE FOR LIVE-**
7 **STOCK ASSISTANCE.**

8 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit a
10 report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of
11 Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
12 tion, and Forestry of the Senate on the feasibility and de-
13 sirability of using commodities in the reserve established
14 under section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7
15 U.S.C. 1427a) to provide livestock assistance to producers
16 who are eligible for assistance under title VI of the Agri-
17 cultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

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